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PASS COMMERCE FOR BOURDON (MARAD); LABOR FOR SEGALL, AVERY,  
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SUBJ: ILO INQUIRY ON U.S. INTENTIONS TO RATIFY ILO CONVENTIONS

1. USDEL WAS APPROACHED THIS MORNING BY MR. BOGLIETTI OF THE  
SECRETARIAT (APPLICATION OF STANDARDS BRANCH) REGARDING THE U.S.  
POSITION ON RATIFYING MARITIME CONVENTIONS. HE EXPRESSED THE  
SECRETARIAT'S HOPE THAT THE USG COULD RATIFY MORE CONVENTIONS  
IN THE MARITIME FIELD. USG WAS GCE OF THREE COUNTRIES HE WAS TTA  
APPROACH, THE OTHERS BEING FRG AND GREAT BRPAIN.

2. ADVISER UPTON, IN DISCUSSIONS, STATED THAT: (A) THE U.S.  
WOULD MAKE NO EFFORT DURING THE NEXT YEAR TO RATIFY ANY MARITIME  
CONVENTIONS. NO EFFORT WILL BE MADE BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT  
POSTURE OF THE U.S. VIS-A-VIS THE ILO. IF THE N.S. DECIDES TO  
REMAIN IOATHE ILO, ONLY THEN WOULD THEIQUESTION OF RATIFICATIONS  
BE AN APPROPRIATE AREA FOR DISCUSSION. (B) IF THE U.S. DECIDES  
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TO REMAIN IN THE ILO, AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF A FINAL

DECISION AT THE PRESENT TIME, MANY MARITIME CONVENTIONS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR RATIFICATION. (C) USDEL TO THE 1970 MARITIME CONFERENCE WORKED TO ENSURE THAT CONVENTIONS ADOPTED IN THAT YEAR COULD BE RATIFIED BY THE U.S. AN EFFORT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MADE TO HAVE THEM RATIFIED. THE PRESENT USDEL IS WORKING TO ENSURE THAT ANY CONVENTIONS ADOPTED AT THIS CONFERENCE COULD BE RATIFIED BY THE U.S. (D) THOSE CONCERNED WITH MARITIME AFFAIRS IN USG HOPE THAT IF THE U.S. DECIDES TO REMAIN IN THE ILO, SELECTED MARITIME CONVENTIONS WHICH ARE CONSISTENT WITH U.S. LAW CAN BE RATIFIED. THESE CONVENTIONS DO NOT SUFFER FROM THE PROBLEMS

OF THE FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONSHIP WHICH PRECLUDE ADOPTION OF OTHER TYPES OF CONVENTIONS.

3. MR. BOGLIETTI RAISED THE ISSUE OF CONVENTION 87. THE RESPONSE GIVEN WAS FIRST, THAT NO ONE CAN QUESTION THAT FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION EXISTS IN THE U.S. THE SECRETARIAT'S CONCERN WITH U.S. RATIFICATION IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE U.S. POSITION THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADOPTED CONVENTIONS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN NUMBERS OF RATIFICATIONS X SECONDLY, A PROBLEM WITH CONVENTION 87 IS WITH THE INTERPRETATIONS GIVEN ITS PROVISIONS BY THE SECRETARIAT. CATTO UNQUOTE  
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